

second alternative considered herein explores the possibility of using alternative dialing schemes (such as 555 numbers and abbreviated 411XX dialing codes). National 555 numbers were created to provide a variety of information and telecommunications services. In addition, 555 numbers and 411XX codes could be used instead of the alternative of 411 presubscription. Further comment on these thoughts is included in paragraphs 47 through 52 of the *NRPM*. These alternatives could be easier to implement and less costly for small businesses to enter the market. Both of these alternatives are designed to open the local DA market to competition. Our belief is that by enhancing competition, we have created a space for small businesses to enter the market.

Federal Rules That May Duplicate, or Conflict With the Proposed Rules

20. None.

Report to Congress

21. The Commission will send a copy of this *NRPM*, including a copy of this IRFA, in a report to Congress pursuant to the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996. In addition, the *NRPM* and this IRFA will be sent to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration, and will be published in the **Federal Register**.

Ordering Clauses

22. Pursuant to the authority contained in sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 201, 202, 222, and 251 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 151, 152, 153, 154, 201, 202, 222, and 251 the *NRPM* is hereby *adopted*.

23. The Commission's Consumer Information Bureau, Reference Information Center, *shall send* a copy of this *NRPM*, including the Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis, to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of Small Business Administration.

Federal Communications Commission.

William F. Caton,
Acting Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[DA 02-255, MM Docket No. 02-20, RM-10368]

Digital Television Broadcast Service; Traverse City, MI

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission requests comments on a petition filed by Central Michigan University proposing the allotment of DTV channel 23, reserved for noncommercial use, to Traverse City, Michigan. DTV Channel *23 can be allotted to Traverse City, Michigan, in compliance with the geographic spacing criteria of section 73.623(d) and the principle community coverage requirements of section 73.625(a) at reference coordinates (45-10-40 N. and 85-05-57 W.). Since the community of Traverse City is located within 400 kilometers of the U.S.-Canadian border, concurrence from the Canadian government must be obtained for this allotment.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before April 1, 2002, and reply comments on or before April 16, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW., Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner, or its counsel or consultant, as follows: Todd D. Gray, Dow, Lohnes & Albertson, PLLC, 1200 New Hampshire Avenue, NW., Suite 800, Washington, DC (Counsel for Central Michigan University).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pam Blumenthal, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-1600.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making, MM Docket No. 02-20, adopted February 1, 2002, and released February 7, 2001. The full text of this document is available for public inspection and copying during regular

business hours in the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY-A257, Washington, DC 20554. This document may also be purchased from the Commission's duplicating contractor, Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554, telephone 202-863-2893, facsimile 202-863-2898, or via-e-mail *qualexint@aol.com*.

Provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 do not apply to this proceeding.

Members of the public should note that from the time a Notice of Proposed Rule Making is issued until the matter is no longer subject to Commission consideration or court review, all *ex parte* contacts are prohibited in Commission proceedings, such as this one, which involve channel allotments. See 47 CFR 1.1204(b) for rules governing permissible *ex parte* contacts.

For information regarding proper filing procedures for comments, see 47 CFR 1.415 and 1.420. List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Television, Digital television broadcasting.

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Federal Communications Commission proposes to amend 47 CFR part 73 as follows:

PART 73—TELEVISION BROADCAST SERVICES

1. The authority citation for part 73 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 47 U.S.C. 154, 303, 334, and 336.

§ 73.622 [Amended]

2. Section 73.622(b), the Table of Digital Television Allotments under Michigan is amended by adding, DTV Channel *23 Traverse City.

Federal Communications Commission.

Barbara A. Kreisman,
Chief, Video Services Division, Mass Media Bureau.

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